

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 91 - HB 80

February 6, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Changes the definition of the term “lead free”, as it relates to wetted surfaces of certain plumbing pipes, pipe fittings, and other fixtures identified in the Tennessee Safe Drinking Water Act of 1983, such that the lead component does not exceed the weighted average of 0.25 percent, rather than 8.0 percent. Makes non-substantive changes to the same term as it relates to public water systems and plumbing used in residential or non-residential facilities.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to T.C.A. § 68-221-705(1), the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) regulates the Tennessee Safe Water Act of 1983.
- According to TDEC, the bill changes the statutory definition of “lead free” and adds exemptions to the Tennessee Safe Water Act of 1983 to conform to federal law 42 U.S.C. § 300g-6.
- TDEC indicates, while unlikely to occur immediately, failure to update Tennessee law to reflect the changes in federal law could result in the loss of future federal funding.
- TDEC confirmed that any additional costs to update internal or external documentation can be conducted within existing resources without an additional appropriation or a reduced reversion.
- In addition, TDEC indicated that the proposed changes have been widely communicated through the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts. Therefore, any additional costs for communicating the changes are considered not significant.
- Based on all supporting information provided by TDEC, the fiscal impact for this bill is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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